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probable the vice would be rampant as before. The poppy would be more extensively cultivated at home, to the neglect of the rice fields. It is idle to talk of their inability to put the law in force against it, because they are compelled to admit the Indian production. If we were to forbid its cultivation in Bengal, we could not do so in the native states; and its suppression in our territory would be followed by a corresponding increase in the growth there. The only result attained would be a diminution of the Indian revenue. And, after all, it can matter very little, one would think; whether we derive profit from the traffic directly, as in the case of the opium grown in Bengal, or indirectly from the Malwa product. If there is any dishonour, which we dispute, in engaging in this trade, it could not surely be lessened by merely converting it.

That the opium-smoking is a great and terrible vice to one can deny. We fully concur with Mr. No. 20, that it leads to the commission of crime and has an injurious effect on the offspring of the smokers. So has drunkenness, to which vice only can the indulgence in opium be compared. And, like intemperance, this evil habit of the Chinese cannot be put down or eradicated by stopping one source of supply. The drunkard will get his stimulus; the opium smoker will have his pipe. It is very incorrect to say we are "forcing" opium on the Chinese. They are not obliged to use it. The grievance really lies, as we said before, in the circumstance that they cannot say it as they wish. It is all very well for gentlemen to go home and stir up public feeling by one-sided statements, but the hard facts remain the same. We are not responsible for the evil arising from the traffic. We merely act as agent; the great law of supply and demand governs it. The vice is no doubt susceptible of mitigation, perhaps of suppression. But it rests with the Peking Government to devise and put in force laws against it. The surrender of the seven or eight millions of revenue derived from the cultivation of the drug in Bengal would not be a very serious matter in comparison with the moral welfare of a great nation. It is likely to prove an essential remedy for this sad and ruinous vice. But it would not, and it is waste of time to discuss any further such a costly and useless expedient.

Progress is being made in the raising of the steamer *Leonor*. The fact also is, as far as the steamer is concerned, that it is not far from being ready to be pumped out and floated. The Board of H.M.'s Ship *Leonor* will perform this evening, the following programme:-  
Quintet, "La Belle France".....Rivers.  
Overture, "Le Philtre".....Asher.  
Vale, "De Hesperia".....Gent.  
Glee, "The Sisters of the Sea".....W. Jackson.  
"God Save the Queen."  
W. W. KATZING, Bandmaster.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamship *Alaska* arrived at Aberdeen Dock on Saturday, and steamed round in the evening for thirty minutes, arriving at about 5 p.m. A congratulatory dinner was given on board by Captain Edwards. The ship is the property of a few friends. Thirty-four are going to the school, which was nicely decorated, to a capital evening. Speeches were made in congratulation of the vessel having been got aloft, and a well-earned and hearty cheer was given to the ship. The usual toasts were heartily given, and the evening passed off very pleasantly.

A library of rare and valuable books will be submitted to public auction to-morrow by Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co. It comprises works in general literature, history, law, theology, art, natural history, poetry, and fiction; and includes among others a complete set of Audubon's Birds of America, with 500 engraved plates, many choice books of engravings, Lodge's Portraits of 240 illustrious personages of English history, three sets of Bayard's "Gleanings of Europe," 37 volumes copiously illustrated; Campbell's Lives of the Old Chancellors, Prescot's, Clarendon's, Macaulay's, Addison's, Bacon's and Shakspeare's works. The collection is fine and well worth inspection. It will be on view to-day.

The following account, duly certified, of the average weekly wages of the population in Hongkong, during the month ending 31st December, 1874, is published in Saturday's *Gazette*:-

	MALES.	FEMALES.
Chinese Bank Corporation.....	\$325,592	
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.....	751,102	
London and China.....	581,456	
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.....	1,919,973	
Total.....	\$3,757,123	

The annexed Government notification appears in Saturday's *Gazette*:-  
The following document received from the Right Honourable the Earl of Cairn, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, regarding the resignation of Her Majesty's Attorney General for the Colonies, is published for general information.  
By Command,  
J. GARDNER AUSTIN, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 31st January, 1875.

Downing Street, 18th Nov. 1874.  
Sir, I am directed by the Earl of Cairn to inform you that the resignation of Her Majesty's Attorney General for the Colonies, which was tendered to me, has been accepted. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. GARDNER AUSTIN, Colonial Secretary.

SIR A. E. KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., &c.  
&c.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

## REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."

LONDON, 7th Jan. 1875.

The *Perth* has been wrecked off the Orkney. The crew were all saved.

The latest official contains the name of his Grace the Duke of Montrose.

ROME.

An Envoy from the Pope proclaims the jubilee of 1875.

FRANCE.

Mr. Gambetta has been elected to the Chamber of Deputies.

The Assembly rejected the proposal by 420 against 250. The Ministry will resign.

To OOK BROTHERHOOD.—The following is the text of the recommendation by the French Chamber of Deputies, on the 10th inst., to the President of the Republic:-  
Paris.—Put one cupful of rice and one-fourth of a cupful of water in a saucepan, and place it over a good fire. After an hour the water will be evaporated, and the rice cooked. Then add butter, and with the grains distinct, not in a paste. Sufficient salt should be added in the first place, and care should be taken not to disturb the rice while cooking. By adding a little more over a gentle fire, a more delicate dish is prepared.—*The Garden.*

## FAREWELL ADDRESS TO ARCHDEACON GRAY.

The approaching departure of this highly respected and deservedly esteemed servant of the Church, the Ven. Archdeacon Gray, M.A., Canon, led to the preparation of an address and testimonial of praise, which will be presented this evening at the Guild Hall, by the Church Committee of St. Andrew's, in the presence of the Rev. the Dean, and a large number of the clergy and laity. The address will be read by the Rev. the Dean, and the testimonial presented by the Rev. the Dean, and a large number of the clergy and laity. The address will be read by the Rev. the Dean, and the testimonial presented by the Rev. the Dean, and a large number of the clergy and laity.

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